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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary dated May 8, 2009, Applicant respectfully submits this Response to Interview Summary pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting a telephonic interview on April 22, 2009 and for thoughtfully considering this case. During the interview, Applicant and Examiner discussed amending the claim language to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102. It is Applicant's understanding that Applicant and Examiner reached an agreement regarding amending the claim language to overcome the § 102 rejection.

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Although Applicant believes no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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